(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether those in Vernacular Schools are preferred to fresh hands where all the other claims are equal ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) The appointments have hitherto usually been made from a waiting list, but promotions have also been made from time to time to qualified Pandits and Munshis in Vernacular Schools.

(*b*) Seniority in the waiting list has usually been the main consideration.

The London Mission Community and the Revenue Department.

151. ❋MISS. HEPSIBAH GNANASIKAMONY (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Proverthicars, from the London Mission community, in Government service at present (15-11-1934) ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): None.

Mascot Hostel in Trivandrum.

152. ❋MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*) Will the Government be pleased to state what was the income derived from, and the expenditure incurred during the year 1109 in connection with the Mascot Hotel in Trivandrum ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): The income of the Mascot Hotel during 1109 was Rs. 12,607-11-4 and expenditure Rs. 11,204-20-4.

Ice manufactured in the P. W. D.

153. ❋MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) what was the expenditure in the matter of running cost of the ice machine, when fuel was used for the purpose ;

(*b*) what is the expenditure of the ice machine, when it is being run by electricity ;

(*c*) whether any of the Executive Engineers has sent up proposal to shift the ice manufacturing machine to the workshop ; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, why that proposal was cancelled by the recommendation of the present Chief Engineer ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) One chuckram one cash per lb. of ice.

(*b*) 13·6 cash per lb. of ice.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) On reconsideration it was found safer to leave the machine in its present position, as it is an old one liable to be broken while shifting.

Water supply to conversion lands.

154. ❋MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

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